



Senior Dental Advisory Committee **September 25, 2014** **Meeting Minutes**

PRESENT	ABSENT	GUESTS
Linda Reiner		Marija Weeden-Osborn
Thomas Lavery - Phone	Carol Niforatos	Jeff Thormodsgaard
Alan Kislowitz		Karen Ruplinger
Diane Brunson		Chandra Vital
Todd Coffey		
Karen Reiplinger		
Sally Ryman - Phone		
Matilda Bottenbley		
Keith Clear		
Nancy Dolson – HCPF		Cynthia Miley - HCPF

Approximate Time	Topic	Lead
3:00 – 3:10	<input type="checkbox"/> Welcome and Introductions <input type="checkbox"/> Review and approve minutes	<i>Chair Linda Reiner</i>
3:10 – 4:15	<input type="checkbox"/> Committee review and discussion items: <input type="checkbox"/> Definition of eligible senior <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economically disadvantaged ○ Senior population in Colorado ○ Poverty level <input type="checkbox"/> Covered services and allowable fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ OAP Dental Grant crosswalk with Medicaid dental fee schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Draft request for grant proposals	<i>Nancy Dolson, HCPF</i>
4:15-4:30	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Comment	
4:30 – 5:00	<input type="checkbox"/> Committee discussion and action items, if any <input type="checkbox"/> Wrap up and Adjournment	<i>Committee Members</i>

Next Meeting: October 9, 2014; 3:00 to 5:00 PM
 225 East 16th Avenue, Denver, CO 80203
 Conference Room 6 A/B
 Continue review of draft grant criteria and application

Linda Reiner called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Diane Brunson motioned to approve minutes as written, **Todd Coffey** seconded. Motion passed

Presentations:

Jennifer Weaver provided an overview of the conflict of interest policy and process

Nancy Dolson

Definition of an Eligible Senior

- Legislation left it up to this committee to define what economically disadvantaged means for the purposes of this program
- Individuals eligible for the dental grant cannot be eligible for Medicaid or the Old Age Health and Medical Program (OAP)
- Looked at a particular set of regions from the Department of Local Affairs, broken down by county
 - o Total populations
 - o 60+ Population
 - o Poverty 60+
 - o 185% of Poverty 60+
 - o Medicaid Clients 60+
- A portion of the Medicaid population would be reflected in the Senior of Poverty
- These are the seniors that are not known to us
- There are 900,000 seniors over the age of 60, about 191,000 are within 185% of poverty,
- **Todd Coffey**– It may be important to identify certain categories that are not eligible for this program because they can get it through Medicaid
- One of the populations that remain eligible are the individuals on the Medicare Savings Program
 - o There are a small number of these individuals who are eligible for Medicaid
- We have about 17,000 that are on the Medicare Savings Programs
 - o These are all lower income folks but not actually eligible for Medicaid
- Generally for individuals on Medicaid over age 65 are in need of long term care
- Medicare savings Programs help pay for Medicare Premiums or deductibles
 - o Asset tests do still apply in the Medicaid program for individuals over age 65
- Only eligibility for Title III is that individuals must be 60 or over
- **Sally Ryman**- Some AAA are trying to reach out more to rural, low income and racial minorities
- Legislation uses the term low income without defining it
- When determining economically disadvantaged we could put a ceiling level on income
- Intent of legislation is to reach those seniors who have no other access or no other way to pay for dental care and those who may be most in need of services
- The legislation will want the money to go to those seniors most in need
- Can ask grantees how they determine who is most in need
- Will be up to grantees to maintain records and report back to the Department
 - o Will be a limit on administrative costs
 - o Grantees need to report how many seniors served and what services were provided
- The Department does not have resources available to determine who is eligible, will be looking to providers themselves to be able to determine who is eligible

- Having the Department verify eligibility can open these seniors to lawful presence requirements
- One of the intentions of the bill is to have all seniors in need be able to obtain services without having documentation become an issue
- Some providers have been using the DentaQuest portal to find out if individuals are eligible for Medicaid

Covered Services and Allowable Fees

- Legislation leaves it to this committee to decide what services can be funded with these grant dollars
 - o Must cover dental services listed under current OAP dental program at same fee level
- There are a lot of procedure codes allowed under the Medicaid program that are not under the current OAP dental program
- **Diane Brunson** – The OAP was designed to be dentures and related services, never meant to be a comprehensive dental program. Has been changed to try to incentivize and make it more comprehensive. There is incentivizing of preventive services, this is different than the approach that Medicaid took. OAP raised their fees to try to get provider to take the program. Too early to tell if adults are having trouble accessing dental care
- No provision for a cash fund for remaining balances, balances will revert to General Fund
- **Keith Clear**- Are there services on Medicaid side that are not seen in older adults
- How would a grantee decide what fee if the procedure is not allowed under Medicaid
- **Linda Reiner**– Don't want to create a program that is complex with stark differences in terms of fees and what is covered. Seems fair to mirror Medicaid
- Run into a challenge with what fees would be allowed using the grant funds
- **Diane Brunson**– I think we should mirror the OAP program, we don't want to do something in between. The fee schedule for OAP and the average amount spent per clients is about \$800
 - o Would like to not put a cap on the amount a senior can get but have an average amount per client as the target
 - o Suggest using the current OAP procedures with the addition of root canal services
- **Todd Coffey**– With this program we have more flexibility to finish a treatment plan with an individual whereas with Medicaid they must choose what service they get
- Intention for it not to be a denture program but more comprehensive
- **Keith Clear**– Looking at OAP fees, they fit better with what I would be able to offer
 - o some services that are for children would actually benefit adults as well, would be a shame to cut those things out
 - o Should encourage prevention

Draft Request for Grant Proposals

- A lot of the definition is directly from the bill
- Grantees will need to report back to the Department the number of seniors served, the type of services provided, and anything else the Department deems necessary
- **Diane Brunson**– recommend that we require monthly reporting, we have a set pot of money and if some grantees are not using all funds available to them those funds can be reallocated to others in order to spend the full amount

- Grantees will be required to
 - o Identify and outreach to eligible seniors and providers
 - o Collaborate with community organizations,
 - o Describe how will they ensure seniors receive services without duplication
 - o Maintain records for 6 years
- Legislation is asking this committee to determine how funds are distributed throughout the state
- For applicants that are sole proprietor we will need lawful presence documentation
- Grantees can also be providers themselves
- The way the legislation reads a grantee could not give a voucher to a client to shop around for services themselves, the bill directed toward paying the providers
- Is it necessary to ask for detail about grantee staff
- **Linda Reiner**– Grantees need to demonstrate capacity to do the administration of the grant and the reporting, they need to have these systems in place
- **Diane Brunson**- They need to be able to justify the 7% for administration
- **Todd Coffey**– Need some clarification as to how services will be provided
- Propose asking for experience in providing services to low income seniors
- Look into asking different types of providers different questions, questions that are applicable to them
- **Diane Brunson**- May want to add what is not allowed in the budget
- **Linda Reiner**- Define what administrative services are
- Funding is meant to be statewide in order to reach seniors in all areas

Public Comment

- **No Public Comment**

Action Items

- **No action items at this time**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm.

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